

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : T. KUROITA, et al.  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In complete response to the Office Action mailed July 11, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed December 15, 2006, applicants request that the following amendment be entered. Applicants petition a third month of extension from December 11, 2006 to January 11, 2007 for responding to the Office Action.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7.